

DIRECT CURRENTS

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APRIL

During April, it is time to start turning over your outside garden and preparing the soil. Find a nice sunny spot, which gets 6-8 hours of sun a day and locate your garden there. It must be well drained, as veggie roots do not like to be soggy. April Zoom meeting was held a week later than usual, on Monday April 12th at 8 pm. 7 members attended our meeting. Peas like the cooler weather and should be planted outside now. Their crop will be harvested by end of July.

Indoor seeds should already be planted but if they're not, now is a good time. There is still time to plant seeds. Plant outdoors after the last average frost date, which is Mid April for the Connecticut coastline. BTW we are hardness zone 7A.

TOMATOES

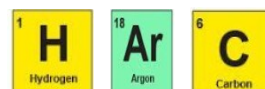


I am planting better boy tomatoes. They do well in CT, are highly disease resistant and are very good to can. I have grown these for many years and highly recommend them. They lose their color on their top shoulder if they get too much sun.

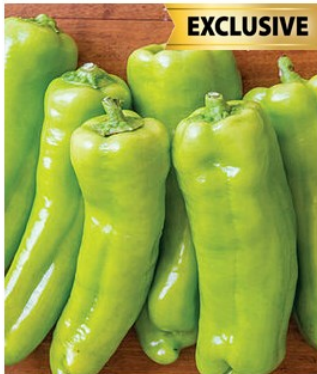
I am trying a white to light yellow paste tomato named Cream Sausage Tomato from Rareseeds.com. I will let ya know how my white spaghetti sauce tastes.

★★★★★ 3.8 (24)

[Tomato, Better Boy Hybrid](#)



PEPPERS



This year I am again planting Long Tall Sally hybrid Italian Fry Peppers. These are available exclusively from Burpee Seed Company. They do well in CT, with little care, except that they need to be staked. Watch for hornworms on their leaves. These are harvested when 6 to 8 inches long. Wash, blanch and freeze the strips. They are great in stews, soups, spaghetti sauce and even sprinkled on frozen pizza prior to cooking.

★★★★★ 3.9 (9)

[Pepper, Sweet, Long Tall Sally Hybrid](#)

Italian frying pepper loaded with sweet flavor.

PEAS



I am planting Sugar Ann Snap Peas from Gurney Seed Company. These can be picked off the vine and eaten. They have a sugary taste.

Sugar Ann Snap Pea Seed
Stringless and Early!
Zone: 3-9

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POLE BEANS

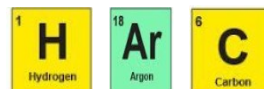


I am planting Blue Lake pole beans because of their flavor. They are great when sauteed with garlic and butter. I am also trying Seychelles pole beans for the first time. I will let ya know how they turn out.

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Blue Lake Pole Bean Seed
Our Very Best Canner

[an, Pole, Seychelles](#)



BUSH BEANS



★★★★☆ 4.3 (8)

[Bean, Bush, Desperado](#)



★★★★★ 4.4 (31)

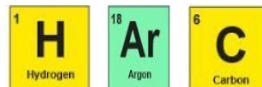
[Bean, Bush, Gold Mine](#)

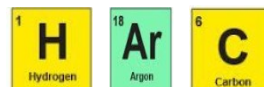
I am trying a new bush bean this year named Desperado from Burpee. I will let ya know how it goes.

My favorite bean to plant is the Gold Mine Bush beans from Burpee. I plant these golden wax beans every year and they are one of my favorite. Wash, snap, blanch and freeze. Good in stews and soups.

OUR SKED

- Remember to plant your garden outside after the last expected frost date.
- Rule of thumb, plant your seeds indoors after St Patricks Day, seedlings in the garden Memorial Day.
- Rule of thumb, All good Catholics plant their potatoes on Good Friday.
- Don't forget to harden off your indoor grown seedlings before planting outside
- We are in USDA hardness zone 7A



Burpee Seed Co<https://www.burpee.com/>**Gurney Seed Co**<https://www.gurneys.com/>**Rare Seeds Company**<https://www.rareseeds.com/>**National Center for Home Food Preservation**<https://nchfp.uga.edu/index.html>**GOOD YOUTUBE VIDEO INFO****The Rusted Garden**<https://www.therustedgarden.com/>**Susan's in The Garden**<https://www.susansinthegarden.com/>

HARC INFO

The Housatonic Amateur Radio Club was formed in 1995 to foster the development of Amateur Radio and advanced Ham Radio operating techniques, both through theory and on the air practice. To provide a suitable environment of camaraderie and support within which members, spouses and their children can obtain a better understanding of amateur radio, gain a proficiency in the art of amateur radio, and to have some fun.

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The club call sign is N1KT. Our annual formal meeting is held on Winter Field Day, and an informal meeting is held on Summer Field Day. Both meetings are held during set up time prior to the event start.

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